

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 95
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Ray Webb on the occasion of his retirement as the Scoutmaster of Troop 63.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Ray Webb is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for more than ten years as the Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 63; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Webb's dedication to scouting is the culmination of a lifetime of association with the Boy Scouts of America; he joined the Cub Scouts in 1959 and was inducted into Troop 64 in 1962. In 1967, he attained the level of Life Scout and became a member of the West Tennessee area contingent to Philmont; and

WHEREAS, from 1980-83, Ray Webb stood as Scoutmaster to Troop 64, during which time he was awarded the Order of the Arrow, Ordeal, and the Order of the Arrow, Brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Webb served as the Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 63 from 1984-91 before assuming the mantle of Scoutmaster in 1994; and

WHEREAS, his unswerving dedication to the Boy Scouts of Troop 63 is easily seen in the honors bestowed upon him during this time; he was awarded the Wood Badge, SR-60, in 1994, the Wood Badge Beads in 1995, the Order of the Arrow, Vigil Honor, in 2001, and the National President's Scoutmaster Award of Merit and the Big Hatchie Award of Merit in 2002; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Ray Webb twice served as Philmont Cavalcade Leader, in 1997 and 2001, and assisted thirty-three Eagle Scouts in earning their awards while raising thousands of dollars for St. Jude Children's Hospital at the annual Ripley Horse Show; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Webb is an active and important part of his community and of the Boy Scouts of America, providing a valued role model for hundreds of Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Ray Webb exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as a Scoutmaster, Mr. Webb has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the scouts of Troop 63; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Ray Webb our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of this body offer our gratitude for the stalwart dedication, unwavering honor, unstinting selflessness, and inspired leadership Ray Webb has shown throughout all of his years of involvement with Troops 63 and 64.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.